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The Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy,
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Abraham:

I am writing to express my support for the Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Project. I believe that the Department should proceed to build a used nuclear fuel repository at Yucca Mountain.

After 20 years of scientific studies, all the evidence suggests that Yucca Mountain is a suitable site for a national used nuclear fuel repository. Electricity customers all over the country have paid billions of dollars into a fund to pay for the disposal of used nuclear fuel, but the government is still years behind schedule in building a repository.

Nuclear energy is critical to our nation's economic growth and environment. Now, more than ever, it is vital to our national security. My state's nuclear plant, Calvert Cliffs, has not only kept electricity prices reasonable in Maryland, but has kept our air clean as well.

The Department of Energy must make the right decision now that will address the permanent storage of used nuclear fuel so that future generations can continue to benefit from this important energy source.

I ask that you approve the Yucca Mountain site so that nuclear energy can remain a critical part of our country's energy portfolio.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



William G. Skaff